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Subject: Ohio Oil and Gas Update

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Jim:

Here's an update on Ohio Oil & Gas enforcement activity:

Settled Cases:

[REDACTED] Consent Decree was entered on January 8, 2019. Reporting for the consent decree is on an annual basis, and there is no fence line monitoring required for any of the Region 5/Ohio gas plants.

[REDACTED] – On March 13, 2019, EPA conditionally approved the Quality Assurance Project Plan for the fence line monitoring to be implemented at the Humphrey's compressor station located in Ohio pursuant to the consent decree.

Recent completed inspections (April 16-19)

[REDACTED] – 11 well pads. We will be taking enforcement action after issuing a 114 to collect more information.

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Ongoing Cases:

[REDACTED] hired a new attorney. We will be meeting with them on April 29th to hopefully move settlement forward. We have a tolling agreement that expires in July and DOJ has gotten an approved complaint. We issued an NOV/FOV on March 28, 2019 that essentially reiterated the previous violations we had cited in December 2016 but included permit citations instead of just NSPS OOOO.

[REDACTED] – we issued an NOV/FOV in late December 2018 alleging violations of [REDACTED] LDAR program and included NSPS OOOO violations (tank vapor capture and control systems) for an additional set of well pads. [REDACTED] has sold its Ohio assets to [REDACTED]. We had a call on April 12 and are exchanging additional information.

[REDACTED] – Discussions continue, no apparent overlap with OhioEPA's [REDACTED] cases. We are negotiating the terms of the ACO.

[REDACTED] – NOV sent January 2018, discussions on possible settlement continue. This site will likely be settled separate from any global [REDACTED] case.

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Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 1:17 PM

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Below is an update on our Oil and Gas work. If you could send us an update of OhioEPA's work, we'd appreciate it,

Ongoing Cases:

MarkWest (Pigging) – CD entered July 9th. We are currently reviewing ambient air monitoring protocols submitted by MarkWest for monitoring near the Humphreys Compressor Station near Somerton, Ohio.

MarkWest Gas Plants: Consent Decree was lodged on November 1, 2018. Waiting for entry.

Gulfport – EPA and DOJ met with Gulfport on November 14th to discuss a possible settlement, including injunctive relief. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for late January to further discuss details of EPA/DOJ's settlement proposal.

Chesapeake – a Notice and Finding of Violation is pending (not yet Final), which will cite an additional subset of Chesapeake's wellpads for failure to meet design and operational standards, plus failures to properly implement its LDAR program (i.e. failure to repair leaks timely, failure to properly calibrate and use detection equipment) at all well pads.

Blue Racer, Berne – Discussions continue, no apparent overlap with OhioEPA's Blue Racer cases. We are negotiating the terms of the ACO.

Utica East Harrison Gas Plant – NOV sent January 2018, discussions on possible settlement continue. This site will likely be settled separate from any global Williams case.

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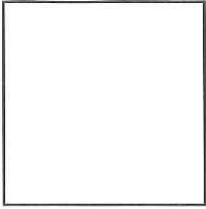
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